

# Agenda

## TOWN OF WATROUS

October 1, 2025

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) AGENDA APPROVAL

3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Meeting of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- b)

4) NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS

- a)

5) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) 7:00PM – Discretionary Use Application, #304 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East
- b)

6) DELEGATIONS

- a)

7) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) RM of Wreford No. 280 – Watrous Library Levies
- b) Canada Community Build Fund – 2025-26 First Installment
- c) Saskatchewan Health Authority – Needle Drop Bin
- d) All Saint Anglican Church – Time Capsule
- e) Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Mandate Review
- f)

8) REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES

- a) Watrous Recreation Board
  - Minutes of Meeting held September 11, 2025
  - Policy No. 07-30 Reduced Facility Rentals
  - Policy No. 11-142 Guard Reimbursement for Water Safety Courses
  - Minor Hockey Ice Rental Proposal
- b) CAO Report
- c) Public Works Superintendents Report
- d)

9) OLD BUSINESS

- a)

10) NEW

- a) Policy No. 04-60 Transfer Station Operating Hours
- b) Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund – Municipal Portion
- c) Hiring Motion – Public Works
- d) Tax Penalty Cancellations
  - Roll No. 827
  - Roll No. 735
- e) Bylaw No. 04-2025 The Traffic Bylaw
- f)

11) ACCOUNTS

12) NEXT MEETING

13) MAYOR & COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a) Jean Margetts – Cenotaph Soldier Silhouettes
- b)

14) ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2025 REGULAR MEETING HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WATROUS, SASKATCHEWAN

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PRESENT

MAYOR

J. Gunderson

COUNCILORS

J. Allin  
T. Engele  
J. Margetts  
A. Prokopchuk

ABSENT

J. Lewis  
L. Manson

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER      Orrin Redden

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT      Dion Tarasoff

RECREATION DIRECTOR      Chelsea Murfitt

CALL TO  
ORDER

A quorum being present Mayor Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

25-203  
AGENDA

ENGELE & ALLIN

“That the Agenda be adopted as presented.”

Motion Carried

25-204  
ADOPT  
MINUTES

PROKOPCHUK & MARGETTS

“That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 10, 2025 be approved as recorded and circulated and be now signed.”

Motion Carried

25-205  
CANADA  
POST

ENGELE & ALLIN

**“WHEREAS** the Federal Government has announced a planned Canada Post Corporation Review from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 as follows:

*Notionally, public consultations may be undertaken to consider the Canadian Postal Service Charter (2009) and to get a pulse on Canadians' needs and use of the postal service. Should engagement be necessary, the goal would be obtain [sic] views from Canadians and stakeholders to redefine the government's service-oriented vision for Canada Post, in a context where the postal industry landscape has changed, the needs of Canadians have evolved, and the volume of mail and letters has declined significantly to the point where Canada Post's sustainability has been undermined.*

**WHEREAS** the current plan does not ensure that there will be any public consultation or engagement with all stakeholders, and the process and terms of reference for the mandate review have yet to be announced; and

**WHEREAS** the recent Industrial Inquiry Commission report recommended service cuts in the form of post office closures and the reintroduction of the community mailbox conversion plans of the last Federal Conservative government; and

**WHEREAS** it will be crucial for the mandate review to hear the views from municipalities on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, improving postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure that good jobs stay in their communities and that Canada Post can remain financially self-sustaining.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Watrous formally writes the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joël Lightbound, to demand that no mandate review takes place until Canada Post returns to stabilized operations, until the full impact of the stamp price increase is realized, and until parcel volumes reflect sectoral demand.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Watrous will include in its letter to Minister Lightbound that any review of Canada Post and the Canadian Postal Service Charter must be done through a full and thorough transparent public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

**THERE, BE IT RESOVED** that the Town of Watrous will make a written submission and/or participate in hearings to provide input in the upcoming mandate review of Canada Post.”

Motion Carried

25-206 MARGETTS & ENGELE

COMMUN-  
CATIONS  
“That the Communications as identified on the attached agenda dated October 1, 2025, having been read be now filed.”

Motion Carried

25-207 ALLIN & PROKOPCHUK

REC BOARD  
MINUTES  
“That the minutes from the Recreation Board meeting held September 11, 2025 be accepted for information purposes and be now filed.”

Motion Carried

25-208 ENGELE & ALLIN

POLICY  
No 07-30  
“That Policy No. 07-30 – Reduced Facility Rentals be approved as revised.”

Motion Carried

25-209 PROKOPCHUK & MARGETTS

POLICY  
No 11-142  
“That Policy No. 11-142 – Guard Reimbursement for Water Safety Courses be approved as revised.”

Motion Carried

6:50 PM *Recreation Director Murfitt left the meeting at 6:50 PM.*

25-210 ALLIN & ENGELE  
RECESS

“That we recess the regular meeting of Council and convene the scheduled public hearing.”

Motion Carried

25-211 ENGELE & MARGETTS  
RECONVENE

“That we reconvene the regular meeting of Council.”

Motion Carried

25-212 MARGETTS & PROKOPCHUK  
DISCR USE

APPLIC “That we approve Discretionary Use Application No. 2025-11 for construction of a new semi-detached (duplex) dwelling on Lots 3&4, Block 31, Plan C3040 known as #304 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.”

Motion Carried

25-213 MARGETTS &ENGELE  
CAO

REPORT “That the CAO’s report for the period ending October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 be accepted for information purposes.”

Motion Carried

25-214 ALLIN & PROKOPCHUK  
P. WORKS

REPORT “That the Public Works Superintendent’s report for the period ending October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 be accepted for information purposes and be now filed.”

Motion Carried

25-215 ENGELE & ALLIN  
POLICY

#04-60 “That Policy #04-60 Transfer Station Operating Hours be adopted as revised.”

Motion Carried

25-216 PROKOPCHUK & MARGETTS  
CHIF

FUNDING “That we commit to funding the municipal portion of the cost sharing requirements under the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) Saskatchewan Stream.”

Motion Carried

25-217 MARGETTS & ENGELE  
HIRING

MOTION “That we approve the following public works hirings:

- David (Rod) Manson PWII
- Rhonda Burkitt (reclassification) PWII
- Morgan Kirschman PWIII.”

Motion Carried

25-218 ALLIN & PROKOPCHUK  
TAX

CANCEL “That we approve the following tax interest cancellations:

<u>Roll</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Total</u>
827	Lot 22-24 Block 44 Plan 3040	\$9.84	\$4.18	\$14.02

Reason: Payment was received but was not receipted, error was caught on Bank Reconciliation.”

Motion Carried

25-219 ENGELE & ALLIN

DEVEL

INCENTIVE "That we approve the Development Incentive agreement and tax abatement for Roll No. 735:

Municipal	\$1225.18
Municipal Penalty	\$ 63.60
School	\$ 958.33
School Penalty	\$ 31.64."

Motion Carried

25-220 MARGETTS & ENGELE

BYLAW "That Bylaw No. 04-2025 be read a second time."

Motion Carried

25-221 MARGETTS & ENGELE

BYLAW "That Bylaw No. 04-2025 being The Traffic Bylaw be read a third and final time and now be adopted."

Motion Carried

25-222 ALLIN & PROKOPCHUK

ACCOUNTS

"That cheque number 35690 to cheque number 35764 totaling \$417,466.67 and Online Payment number 729 to 732 totaling \$36,938.57 annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

25-223 ENGELE & ALLIN

DIRECT

DEPOSIT

"That direct deposit numbers 412 to 428 totaling \$25,226.62 and direct deposit numbers 429 to 444 totaling \$24,288.89 annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes to be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

25-224 PROKOPCHUK & MARGETTS

NEXT

MEETING

"That we reconvene in regular session at 6:15 PM on October 22nd, 2025."

Motion Carried

25-225 MARGETTS & ENGELE

ADJOURN

"That the meeting now be adjourned, the time being 8:47 PM."

Motion Carried

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John Gunderson  
Mayor

Orrin Redden  
CAO

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Date Approved

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Motion Number